

**In the specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following substitute paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/947,014 filed on September 5, 2001, for "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE RIDE QUALITY OF LIFT TRUCKS" by the same inventor, which application itself was a divisional of application No. 09/329,525 filed on June 10, 1999, by the same ~~inventor~~ inventor, and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,308,762.